

MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Monday, May 14, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Lee Vining Community Center
Lee Vining, California

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present

Hap Hazard, Chair
Kirk Stapp, Vice Chair
Tom Farnetti, Supervisor
Neil McCarroll, Councilman
Bill Reid, Supervisor
Wendy Sugimura, Councilman

Caltrans

Ryan Dermody

Staff Present

Bill Manning, Co-Director Town Mammoth Lakes
Gerry LeFrancois, Mono County Planner
Evan Nikirk, Mono County Director Public Works
Kelly Garcia, Mono County Assistant Director P/W
Peter Bernasconi, Town Sr. Associate Civil Engineer
Gwen Plummer, Mono County Planner
Lynetta Fuerst, LTC Secretary

Others

Jill Ellis, Inyo Mono Transit

Agenda items may not have been taken in order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hazard at 9:05 a.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

2. 9:15 AM- Conduct Public Hearing Concerning " Unmet Transit Needs" in Mono County

- a. Open Public Hearing and receive testimony for "Unmet Transit Needs" in Mono County
- b. Consider / appoint members to the Mono County Social Service Transportation Advisory Council

No public comment. Chair Hazard continued to the June 11, 2007, LTC monthly meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 26, 2007

Commissioner Sugimura motioned to approve March 26, 2007 minutes. Commissioner McCarroll seconded the motion. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura. Farnetti abstained.

4. TRANSIT

- a. Inyo Mono Transit update
 1. Consider / adopt Resolution 2007-05 approving the Executive Director to sign Certifications and Assurances for FTA Section 5311 Discretionary Subsidy of \$ 20,880 for bus stop improvement

Ms. Ellis explained Mono County would be applying for a one time competitive grant to install 12 bus shelters in Mono County at the cost of \$ 8500 each. Under the bus stop Master Plan some locations have been identified, others yet to be. With this grant the County will need a \$ 20,880 match. We should have the results in August from our application. Commissioner Farnetti motioned to approve Resolution 2007-05 and was seconded by Commissioner Stapp. Passed 6/0. Those in favor: Farnetti, Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura.

- b. Review / discuss Mtn. Express Route and provide direction to staff regarding route adjustments

The ridership for the Mtn. Express has been improving during the mid-day run. The pilot program is a two year commitment. Mr. Manning addressed the commission on the low ridership of the Mtn. Express and inquired if the money could be better spent. Commissioner Reid felt the service should run at least one year to determine ridership potential. Commissioner Hazard felt ridership would develop if the service was consistent and convenient. The funds are better spent when the Town and County collaborate on joint projects. Commissioner Reid mentioned the Reverse 911 as a means to send a public announcement for the new service. Commissioner Farnetti felt an update on the ridership statistics at the end of summer would be a way to determine if any route adjustments would be necessary. The commission agreed they would have staff give an update at the September meeting and then consider recommendations.

- c. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) update

Commissioner Reid inquired as to the transition timeline for ESTA. As of 6-1-2007 the insurance should be in place. The first contracts would be starting 5/21/2007 through 6/30/2007 with full transition as of 7/1/2007. ESTA was in the process of getting their graphics and logos designed. The ESTA budget would be the next item for the board.

d. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) update
Beginning this season 2007 YARTS will have one contract provider for the east and west side, which is VIA. We should be receiving updated schedules and information on the routes in the next few weeks.

5. CALTRANS

a. Update regarding Coleville Post Office southbound turn-lane continued to June meeting

Mr. Dermody stated Caltrans will be responding in June, but a site visit is scheduled for May 22 with Caltrans, Public Works and the USPO.

b. Update on activities in Mono County

The Gas-X avalanche project for Lee Vining is scheduled for construction this October 2007.

6. STATE / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

a. Update regarding 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Augmentation

Mr. LeFrancois discussed the April meeting of the CTC. He commented on the Mono County projects in a short presentation to the CTC board. Since Mono County is included in the South of the north/south split of the State we benefit from a larger percent of revenue. The CTC will be adopting projects on 6/7/2007 which is when we find out if our projects are accepted or denied. We are under funded in our request, and have many MOU projects.

b. Consider / adopt Resolution 2007-06 amending the 2006 RTIP Augmentation for additional funding on Black Rock four lane project

The original funding amount has been approved by the Commission by resolution, therefore, Resolution 2007-06 is not required. Caltrans reported the project was approved at the April CTC meeting. Caltrans will start advertising the project in June, open the project for bids in August and start construction in October. December 1, 2007 will be the official ground breaking and the Commission will be invited.

c. Discuss **DRAFT** 2007-2008 Overall Work Program with direction to staff

Mr. LeFrancois explained the County and Town will need to determine the revenue split, then the Commission will have to approve the final OWP at the June meeting. The 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) will be due this November or December for review and adoption. The Commission liked the idea of a *'funding workshop'* with Mr. LeFrancois at a later date.

7. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

a. Update regarding White Mountain intersection on Hwy 6

Commissioner Hazard requested input on how possibly the intersection could be funded early, or added as a condition of the final map for White Mountain Estates. Caltrans and staff will be investigating Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) funding as alternatives.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Information regarding Regional Public Meetings for California Transportation Plan 2030
- b. Letter from Mono Lake Committee to Tom Hallenbeck regarding the completion of the Mono Lake guardrail project
- c. Letter from U.S. Department of Transportation regarding inclusion of the Lake Mary Rod Surfacing and Lake Mary Road shoulder surfacing projects in the 2008-2011 STIP

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – June 11, 2007, Mammoth Lakes Town/County Conference Room

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 by Chair Hazard.